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1. Source was asked to explain whether students who were attending civilian schools above high school level were required to fulfill any obligation for compulsory military service. To the best of his knowledge there was no set rule on the part that schooling played in preventing a Soviet citizen from being drafted. He stated that some individuals received deferments, others did not.
 2. A friend of his had completed a course of study at the Kirghiz State University, then worked two years as a high school teacher and was finally drafted into the navy. This occurred in 1952 when source's friend was 24 years old. The friend was offered a chance to enter any OCS or academy by the Voenkomat (Regional Military Commissariat) in KALININSKOYE (4250N-7352E). He refused and was subsequently inducted.
 3. Source knew a number of students who were attending a four-year technical school (teknikum) in KALININSKOYE. These individuals were in their third and fourth years of study. In 1952, Source knew that some of the third year students were drafted a short time before examinations. Other third and fourth year students were not inducted. Source stated that he thought it was unusual for this group to be drafted in the spring. Source was unable to state whether any military training was included in this school's program or give any other data concerning it.
 4. In 1952, one of Source's friends who was an assistant locomotive engineer was drafted at the age of 22. Source later learned that this man had served only three months and had been demobilized. Source knew of another man who was a locomotive engineer on the Turkestan-Siberian Railroad in KALININSKOYE. This man was 25 years of age and had not served on active duty.
 5. Source believed that in general those men who were 19 years of age and were finishing their last year of the normal ten-year school, which was equivalent to a high school year, were allowed to complete their course and would be inducted the following year. If the students had intentions of continuing their studies in a higher institute, Source did not know what governed whether they would be allowed to continue or would be drafted.

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